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SUBJ: TAW-STATUS REPORT

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1. FRANK SAVAGE, TAW EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND ALAN DYNNER, LEGAL COUNSEL FOR TAW WERE IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH EMBASSY FROM OCTOBER 23 UNTIL THEIR DEPARTURE ABIDJAN OCTOBER 30, TO FACILITATE CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION WITH TAW PRESIDENT, TOM WOOD, WHO WAS IN LUSAKA NEGOTIATING WITH GRZ ON TAW-GRZ ARBITRATION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 4 IN LONDON.

2. MISSION OF SAVAGE AND DYNNER WAS TO REMOVE MAMADOU BA FROM TAW VIA RESIGNATION OR DISCHARGE REPLACING HIM WITH JEAN-MARIE DIOUF (A SENEGALESE) AS SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER FOR WEST AFRICA. THIS CHANGE HAS BEEN EFFECTED.

3. TAW OFFICIALS WERE CONCERNED THAT THE SAME POLITICAL CONNECTIONS WHICH MADE MAMDOU BA USEFUL IN THE PAST COULD BE USED TO THEIR DETRIMENT IN THE CURRENT SITUATION. (THIS CONCERN REFLECTED REFTEL REPEATED WASHDC) AS YET EMBASSY HAS HEARD OF NO ATTEMPT BY MAMADOU BA TO RETALIATE AGAINST TAW.

4. MR. DIOUF CALLED ON EMBASSY NOVEMBER 1 TO MAKE ACQUAINTANCE OF E/C STAFF AND TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE IMPROVED BETWEEN TAW AND EMBASSY AS A RESULT OF THE MANAGEMENT

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CHANGE. MR. DIOUF HAS A MBA FROM UTAH.

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